

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A method and apparatus for detecting seals on a  
2 film from which bags are formed includes a force transmitter  
3 and a force sensor. The force transmitter transmits a force  
4 from the film to the sensor. The force sensor receives the  
5 transmitted force and provides a force signal. A controller  
6 receives the force signal and provides a seal signal. The  
7 force sensor may be an mechanical sensor, an acoustic  
8 sensor, a mechanical sensor, a vibration sensor or a  
9 piezoelectric sensor.

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